

To Whom It May Concern:

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to broadcast an anti-Kerry documentary through their TV stations prior to the presidential election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. It is becoming more and more obvious that when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the corporate bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. The people of the United States deserve access to news and information from our own communities, not mass produced information with a partisan slant.

Sinclair's actions make it clear that media ownership rules need to be strengthened, not weakened. The license renewal process needs to more than the rubber stamp of a returned postcard.

Thank you.

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